<u>REMARKS</u>

1. Summary of Office Action Mailed November 24, 2004

Claims 1-16 are currently pending. Applicant would first like to thank the Examiner for

indicating that claims 4-15 are allowed.

The Examiner objected to certain informalities in the specification and in claims 1-3. In

addition, the Examiner objected to claim 16 as an exact duplicate of claim 15.

2. Applicants' Response

Applicant has amended the specification and claims 1-3 in order to correct informalities

and to clarify the scope of the claimed invention. The amended claims and specification are

believed to place the remaining claims in condition for allowance.

Claim 16 has been cancelled.

3. Conclusion

Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any

questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicant's attorneys, Dennis Crouch, at

his direct dial number of 312-913-3316.

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